a special cell to promote investments in India recently; and

(b) if so; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN):(a) and (b). While addressing the 23rd joint meeting of the Japan- India business Cooperation Committees on 29. 1. 1992 at New Delhi; the Chairman Dr. Rokuro Ishikawa reportedly mentioned that the Committee had requested Japan external Trade Organisation (JETRO) to designate a new specialist to be posted at JETRO's office in New Delhi; The objective was to transmit information about potential Indian Investment opportunities to Japanese investment; Reportedly JETRO had agreed to take this step.

[*Translation*]

Super Bazars

3532. Dr. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of branches of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar in North Delhi;

(b) whether the Government propose to open a branch of super Bazar / kendriya Bhandar at the outer ring road for the benefit of residents of newly built societies viz. Sansad Vihar, Parijat, Triveni West Enclave etc; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be opened the and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):(a) The Cooperative store Ltd. Delhi, popularly known as Super Bazar has on date 3 branches and Kendriya Bhandar has 4 branches in North Delhi.

(b) and (c). Super Bazar has stated that they will open branches subject to allotment of suitable accommodation by concerned aliotment bodies of the Government at reserve price. Kendriya Bhandar has no proposal at present to open branches at the outer ring road.

Distribution of Consumers Commodities to Rural and Urban Areas

3533. SHRI NPENDRA NATH VERMA:
SHRI SATYPAL SINGH YADAV:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANDAR RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice, sugar and edible oil being distributed to the consumers per unit in urban and rural areas under the Public Distribution System, State-wise;

(b) whether less quantity of consumer commodities are being distriouted to the consumers per unit in rural areas compared to the people living in big metropolitan cities;

(c) if so, the ratianale therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to supply adequate quantity of Essential Commodities to the States for distribution to the consumers in all rural as well as urban areas uniformly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):